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First Friday Gallery Crawl

The First Friday gallery crawl is a unique opportunity for thousands of students, families and art lovers to engage with local art each month at unique locations in Downtown and throughout the city. This grassroots event continues to thrive because of the collective vision and collaboration of galleries and artists.

As the name implies, First Friday happens the first Friday of each month. Hours vary between galleries, but most are open during the core hours of 7pm to 9pm. Most galleries use First Friday to unveil and debut new shows or as a closing reception. All venues are free and open to the public and several galleries incorporate artist demonstrations and/or live music. Not only does this event give guests the opportunity to view creative art space, it also is an excellent time to purchase one-of-a-kind artwork directly from artists.

Transportation Options

Explore the core and gallery hop using the free Q-LINE Trolley shuttle service that runs up and down Douglas Avenue. Electric scooter and bicycle rentals are also available. [Discover additional transportation options.](#)

First Friday Events

This month's First Friday will occur on September 6, 2019. Participating venues will be listed on this website no less than a week before the event.



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1203 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 440-3244

Title of Exhibition: First Friday

Featured Artist: Sir Charles III Tdubbery, ICTPottery YaBoiFarley, Psyclops Traperinas

Event Description: Experience the creativity of our local artists on May 3rd, 4-8 PM! Enjoy live music by our DJ, live glassblowing, painting, pottery, local art & food vendors-Tacos, Jerky & Salsas.

Exhibition Hours: 4-8 p.m.

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Art House 310

310 South Laura Street

Title of Exhibition: Art House 310 First Friday – Madison Mullen & Brittany Schaar

Featured Artists: Madison Mullen & Brittany Schaar

Description:

Art House 310 First Friday – Madison Mullen & Brittany Schaar
Opening Reception | First Friday May 3rd, 2024 | 6 to 10 p.m.

This event is free to attend and open to the public. Show hangs through May 26th, 2024. Art House 310 is located at 310 S. Laura. Two blocks SE of Douglas & Washington in downtown Wichita.

MADISON MULLEN

In my ongoing exploration of the portrayal of the female body and experience in the art world, I create work that depicts the female experience from multiple angles.

I explore many methods of both capturing and curating the intimate female perspective. My methods and mediums have traversed varying phases. Utilizing printed media, I draw parallels between portrayals of violence against women in media and real-life acts of violence.

Operating under the belief that the romanticism of sex and violence in pop culture desensitizes society to the severity of such issues. Contrasting to the use of media imagery, I create work exempt from the female form, utilizing animals in place of women, operating under the belief that the representation of the female body is inherently sexualized and therefore corrupt.

Additionally, I draw reference to historical portrayals of women and reclaim the narrative and symbolism of the female form whilst exposing the dreadful history of female exploitation.

BRITTANY SCHAAR

“Windows/ Komorebi”
A letter on “windows / komorebi”

Think of something said to you, a gesture, moment or your surroundings. At any age, pick your favorites; the defining moments, the joyful ones, the hard-lessons-learned ones.

What you see are moments and memories of mine, windows into my life, into feelings and connections or pauses of free fall in between hugs and



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conscious thought. Nostalgia is so important, these are the things we lean on when all else is passing.

So hang on to your playful shadows, feelings and memories. Be both immersed and grateful, but note that you have survived all your days so far, so being present is the best medicine to create new windows. Komorebi is the energy of being present and re-energizing in sun rays, a kind of pause before you move on.

You notice komorebi as sun filtering through trees as you walk, or drive, and that feeling of joy in realizing you get to be here. Thank you.

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Artists in Old Town Studios

412 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 267-5915

Featured Artists: Studio Artists

Title of Exhibition: Studio Artists

Event Description: Come see us at Artists In Old Town Studios in the back of Gallery 12, 412 East Douglas in Wichita Kansas for First Friday. April 5, 2024, 6 to 8 p.m.

Check out the Gallery XII wonderful artists.

Exhibition Hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

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CASA of Sedgwick County

2624 East Central Avenue

(316) 866-2920

Title of Exhibition: Mural Showcase & Open House

Featured Artist: Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc.

Business Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Event Description: Join us for a showcase celebrating the vibrant collaboration between Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. and CASA of Sedgwick County!

The beautiful mural created from the passion and dedication of Sigma Psi Zeta's talented members, serves as a testament to the shared values and missions of both organizations. With brushstrokes infused with empathy and purpose, the mural intertwines CASA's unwavering commitment to advocating for abused and neglected children with Sigma Psi Zeta's philanthropic efforts to combat violence against womxn.

Through a fusion of artistry and advocacy, this mural transcends boundaries, sparking conversations, and igniting change. Join us as we celebrate the profound impact of unity, compassion, and community, embodied in every stroke of paint upon the canvas. Together, let us honor the resilience of those we serve and reaffirm our collective dedication to creating a world free from harm and injustice.

Don't miss this opportunity to witness artistry in action and to stand in solidarity with Sigma Psi Zeta Sorority, Inc. and CASA of Sedgwick County as we continue to champion the voices of the vulnerable and strive for a brighter, more equitable future for all.

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CITYARTS
CITY OF WICHITA

CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

APRIL 19 – JUNE 2, 2024



David and Susan Harmon
Textura
Main Gallery and Main Hall Gallery



Ed Catt
Patterncity
Balcony Gallery



Aaron Jasso and Kelly Taylor
Companions in Fire
Boardroom Gallery

FIRST FRIDAY RECEPTION 5-8 PM MAY 3

CityArts

334 North Mead Street

(316) 350-3245

Featured exhibits: Textura: A two -person exhibition, Companions in Fire, Patterncity

Featured artists: David and Susan Harmon, Aaron Jasso and Kelly Taylor, Ed Catt

Event hours: 5-8 p.m.

CityArts hosts a First Friday Reception from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, May 3 for three new exhibits, which will be on view through June 2, 2024: Textura: A two -person exhibition of David and Susan Harmon, Companions in Fire by Aaron Jasso and Kelly Taylor and Patterncity by Ed Catt. CityArts galleries are free to the public and open during business hours.

Full Exhibition: On view through June 2, 2024

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WHERE ART LIVES, PEOPLE GROW

MAY 3 - 31

FEATURING
Landen Blake Swearingen

BY THE PATRICIA A. BEER WINDOW GALLERY

EXPERIENCE
THE ENVISION ARTS GALLERY
& COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Advocating for
Mental Health Health
Awareness Month in May

Envision Arts Gallery

801 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 440-1699

Title of exhibit: Where Art Lives, People Grow

Featured artist: Landen Blake Swearingen

Opening reception: May 3 from 5 to 8 p.m.

On display May 3 through the 31st.

The Envision Arts Gallery is excited to welcome Landen Blake Swearingen with his first solo exhibition titled Where Art Lives, People Grow on May 3, 2024.

As an artist and nurse, Landen Blake Swearingen is a Wichita native who combines his career and education to advocate and support nonprofits and other entities through art. So far, Landen has benefitted 14 nonprofits through art, some of which multiple times, educating the community about mental health along the way. Landen breathes life into community art projects by engaging the public in creative facets with a mission in mind. He has worked with acrylic, watercolor, oil, charcoal, spray paint, paper mache, mosaic, photography, and fabric, pastels, oil, and lots of mixed media; He has even constructed a rock garden! Landen also enjoys writing poetry and song lyrics. Landen's artistic affirmation "Where art lives, people grow" rings true in his life from his personal struggles, and he hopes to make an impact and difference in his community through fine art, health education, creative events, and advocacy.

Artist Social Media

Through the expression in my artworks, I want to make known the prevalence of Serious Mental Illness (SMI) and how we stigmatize it. Being diagnosed with SMI, I want to use my experiences to advocate and educate those who are unaware of how mental health is vitally important and impactful to society as a whole; You never know who is going through hardships or crises, when you will encounter a time to possibly help someone, or if you will ever need help yourself. There are many different illnesses a person cannot control and therefore they should not be stigmatized. With my art and nursing education, I want to help create artistic spaces of openness to inspire empathy and education. Together we can break down stigmas, rally in support of family, friends, and those battling SMI, instilling within our community kindness and understanding.

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First Friday Pop Up Markets at Hopping Gnome Brewing Company 1719 East Victor Street

(316) 771-2110

Title: First Friday Pop Up Markets at Hopping Gnome Brewing Company

Welcome to our First Friday Series of Pop Up Markets at the all new Hopping Gnome Brewing! Hopping Gnome Brews, a delish food truck favorite, local artisans & small businesses— you name it, its there!

From 5 to 8 p.m. at 1719 East Victor Street Wichita, Ks.

May 3rd Artisan Line Up
Mother Earth Elements
Light Bright Creations
A.Bower Studio
Ablution Self-Care Boutique
Sie & Mo Bouquet Co.
Noble Nine Bakery
Mushroom Tops
Farmer's Market Bath & Body
Tiljadey
Art with Rachel Kashani
...& MORE...

Reoccurring monthly event: May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, August 2nd, September 6th, October 4th



GALLERY XII 412 East Douglas Avenue

Title of Exhibition: A Passage of Time: Earth's History in Images

Featured Artists: Printmaker/Painter: Doug Billings

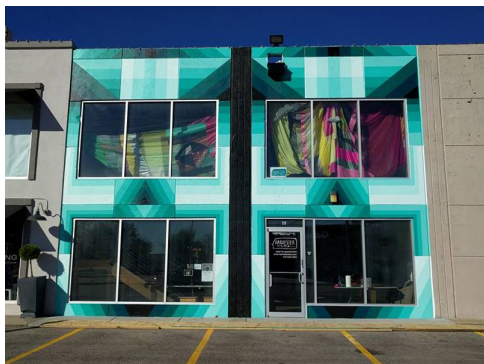
Exhibition Hours: 5-9 pm

Full display: Through June 1st

Gallery 12's Featured Artists for May:

- Artist Member: Doug Billings
- Consignment Artist/Sculptor: Nancy Bole

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Harvester Arts

215 Washington North

(316) 530-2203

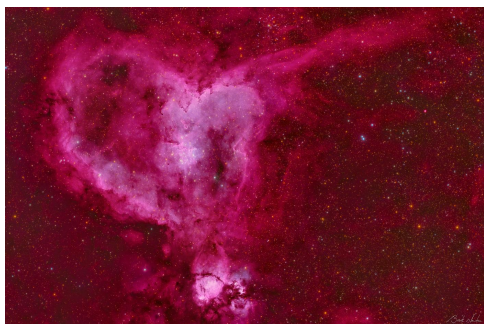
Featured Artist: Juan Gallardo Sanchez

Title of Exhibition: No se pa' donde voy pero se de donde vengo

Event Description: Juan's work depicts narrative-based, multidisciplinary installations that involve sculptural materials, sound narrations, video, 2D and 3D animation presented through projections. Conceptually, he discusses his identity's duality as a product of immigration.

Exhibition Hours: 7 to 9 p.m.

Full Exhibition Date: May 3 to 31



Hopping Gnome Brewing Company

1719 Victor Street

(316) 771-2110

Featured Artist: Brent Newton

Exhibition Title: The Cosmos

Description: "The cosmos is the birthright for all mankind, I'm just house hunting."

Full Exhibition: May 3rd-May 31st, 2024

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Midwest Center for Photography 1215 Franklin Street

Title of Exhibit: Green

More than 40 featured artists!

Opening Reception: First Friday, May 3, 7 - 9 p.m.

Exhibition Dates: MAY 3 - 31, 2024

The color of green as a subject matter can be photographed from a variety of viewpoints, capturing images of green literally or conceiving photographs conceptually. Ranging from chartreuse to jade to emerald, the primary color of green can be approached in a straight forward manner in all of its tones, tints and shades. The Green exhibition will encompass photographs of a wide range of genre focusing on the hue of green lying somewhere on the color spectrum between blue and yellow. Green can be found in abundance on the earth in the various forms and species of vegetation, ranging from the wide open fields of grass and plant life to the denseness of forests. Also, implications of the symbolism and emotions of green can be explored. Green is seen synonymously as burgeoning, to grow, someone new to a skill, or green can be interpreted psychologically as a person being green with envy for instance, referring to currency, or green can imply environmentalism or the manner in which methods are good for the earth. The photographs in the Green exhibition will feature various approaches to the concept and color of green.



MonikaHouse 1121 N. Bitting Ave

Title of Event: Monika's Birthday Biennial
Sculptures and Installation Art by Monika Stockton Maddux

First Friday, May 3 | 6 to 10 p.m.

Saturday, May 4 | 6 to 10 p.m.

MONIKAHOUSE at No Craft Left Behind
1121 N Bitting, Wichita, Kansas

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Reuben Saunders Gallery

3215 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 682-1481

Featured Artist: Rachel Curtis

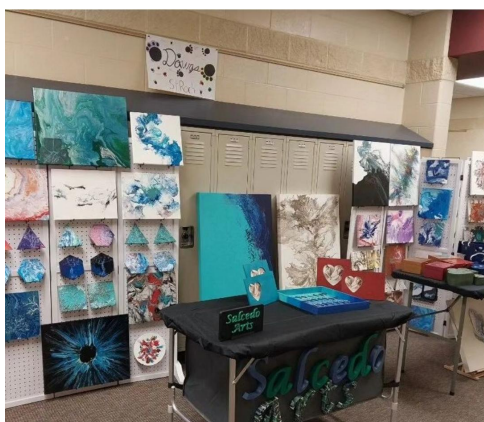
Exhibition Title: "Talk To Me"

Description: Our main gallery will be featuring contemporary portrait oil paintings in a new exhibition titled "Talk To Me" by Rachel Curtis!

On Display: Through May 29th, 2024

About the Artist: RACHEL CURTIS - has a keen eye for detail and a love for symbolism. Through her contemporary portrait paintings, Curtis skillfully renders domestic environments with authenticity, curiosity, and emotion. Her creations delve into the intricate evolution of relationships, unveiling the beauty within daily life and human experiences.

Having honed her skills at Wichita State University, Kansas State University, and Bethany College, Curtis holds a Bachelor of Fine Arts in painting and drawing from K-State (2007) and a Master of Fine Arts from WSU (2013). Curtis is currently a dedicated full-time faculty member at Butler Community College in the visual arts department.



Salcedo Arts

1017 W Douglas, Wichita Ks. 67212

Title of Exhibition: Colors In Motion

Featured Artist: Kathleen Salcedo Beal

Featured at La Galette, viewers can discover hidden pictures within each piece made up of beautiful colors with metallic hues. There will be a live Fluid Art Demonstration at 6:30 p.m.

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Standard Issue Co.

924 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 364-4958

Featured Artist: @tayshaww

Event hours: 6 to 9 p.m.

Standard Issue Co. is stoked to be present their featured artist. Plus they will have giveaways, snacks, drinks and even special new drop items.



The Enchanted Mermaid at Muse Meridian

3201 East Douglas Avenue

(316) 796-5383

Featured Artist: Jennifer Mason- Textiles

Exhibition Hours: 6-9 p.m.

May 3rd don't miss the FIRST FRIDAY Artisan Vendor Market at Muse Meridian with The Enchanted Mermaids and featured Artist Jennifer Mason. Come stroll the art, see a live demonstration. Get your face paint & photo with the Mermaids. Yummy Dinner options by Chef Pri, and others you don't want to miss. On the stage from 6 to 7 p.m. will be a preview of The Enchanted Mermaid Springtacular, from 7 to 8 p.m. is Hunter Gromala and The Disorders, from 8-10 p.m. come be mesmerized by the Flow Foundry Poi & Fire entertainers.

Fun for the entire family, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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Vertigo 232 Art Gallery 232 North Market Street

(316) 264-2450

Title of Exhibition: ID...OLOGY #15 "Identity Crisis"

Featured Artists: Greg Turner, Ed Langston, Greg Johnson, Mark S. Walker, David Christiansen, Ted Krone, Chris Frank, Tara Hufford Walker, Chris Canary.

Special Guest Artists: Patience Biggs, Dylan Seeney, Dan Welty

Exhibition Hours: 5 to 9 p.m.

ID...OLOGY ART GROUP 15th exhibit together!



White Crow Cider Company 1236 East Waterman Street

Featured Artist: Leigh Barton from Happy Frank Signs

Exhibition Hours: Thus 3-9, Fri. 3-10, Sat 12-10, Sun 12-5

Event Description: Come enjoy a cider and the colorful artwork of Leigh Barton of Happy Frank Signs.

[First Friday Interactive Map](#)

Future Dates

The majority of the galleries that currently participate in Final Friday have announced plans to shift their monthly event to First Friday, beginning in September. Since there is no "governing body" that oversees Final Friday, Downtown Wichita generally takes direction from what the majority of the local galleries wish to do. As of now, Downtown Wichita plans to transition the Final Friday calendar to First Friday beginning in September as well. In order to make this transition as seamless as possible, the usual listing and interactive map for both the August Final Friday (August 30) and September First Friday (September 6) will be created.

Mark your calendars for the following 2019 First Friday dates to never miss an event:

- September 6
- October 4



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- November 1
- December 6

Submit Your Event

Are you an artist or gallery owner interested in being included on the First Friday list? [Contact us for more information](#). Since there is no designated organizing body for First Friday, all participating venues are required to do their own marketing and advertising. Downtown Wichita does provide a listing on our website of all venues that are participating for the general public and visitors to use.

Submit your Final Friday exhibit info no less than one week prior to the event in the following format to be listed on the Downtown Wichita website. Fill-out the form below or email your submission to megan@downtownwichita.org.

Please provide a horizontal image that represents the gallery via email.

[Click here for more information on how to promote your event.](#)